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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

IN RE: Bard IVC Filters Products Liability
 Litigation

MDL NO. 15-02641-PHX-DGC

**DEFENDANTS C. R. BARD, INC.'S
 AND BARD PERIPHERAL
 VASCULAR, INC.'S ANSWER AND
 GENERAL DENIAL IN RESPONSE
 TO PLAINTIFFS' SECOND
 AMENDED COMPLAINT IN CASE
 NO. CV-16-02254-PHX-DGC; JURY
 TRIAL DEMAND**

Defendants C. R. Bard, Inc. ("Bard") and Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc. ("BPV") (Bard and BPV are collectively "Defendants") hereby file this Answer and General Denial in response to the Second Amended Complaint served on Defendants in *William S. Gonzalez, Sr., et al. v. C. R. Bard, Inc., et al.*, AZ Member Case No. CV-16-02254-PHX-DGC ("Answer and General Denial"). Defendants further reserve the right to file any motion to

1 dismiss for failure to state a claim with respect to this case, as set forth in Amended Case
2 Management Order No. 4.

3 With respect to the allegations plaintiff(s) raise in *William Gonzalez v. C. R. Bard,*
4 *Inc., et al.*, AZ Member Case No. CV-16-02254-PHX-DGC, Defendants deny, generally and
5 specifically, each and every allegation in plaintiff(s)' Complaint, the whole thereof, and each
6 and every cause of action therein. Defendants further deny that the plaintiff(s) has sustained,
7 or is entitled to recover, damages in any amount alleged or in any sum whatsoever.
8 Defendants further deny that they are liable to the plaintiff in any amount, and further deny
9 that the plaintiff has sustained injury, damage, or loss by reason of any act or omission by
10 Defendants.

11 As for additional defenses, and without assuming any burden of pleading or proof that
12 would otherwise rest on plaintiff(s), Defendants incorporate by reference the responses and
13 Affirmative Defenses set forth in Defendants' Answer to Plaintiffs' Master Complaint filed in
14 MDL 2641 on December 17, 2015 (Doc. 366). Defendants further reserve the right to raise
15 such other affirmative defenses as may be available or apparent during discovery or as may
16 be raised or asserted by other defendants in this case. Defendants have not knowingly or
17 intentionally waived any applicable affirmative defense. If it appears that any affirmative
18 defense is or may be applicable after Defendants have had the opportunity to conduct
19 reasonable discovery in this matter, Defendants will assert such affirmative defense in
20 accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

21 **REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL**

22 Defendants C. R. Bard, Inc. and Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc. demand a trial by jury
23 on all issues appropriate for jury determination.

24 **WHEREFORE**, Defendants aver that the plaintiff(s) is/are not entitled to the relief
25 demanded in the plaintiff(s)' Complaint, and these Defendants, having fully answered, pray
26 that this action against them be dismissed and that they be awarded their costs in defending
27 this action and that they be granted such other and further relief as the Court deems just and
28 appropriate.

1 This 12th day of October, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on October 12, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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